

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Jorge Bolaños
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Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Mr. Bolaños:

It is with deep concern that we write to you regarding the ongoing imprisonment of Alan Gross by your government. On the eve of the second anniversary of his arrest and detention in Cuba, and with the legal process having formally concluded, his fate and that of his family, now lie in the hands of your president, Raúl Castro. The Cuban Government has indicated that it would be open to resolving Mr. Gross's case through diplomatic channels. We urge you to honor that commitment and release Mr. Gross on humanitarian grounds immediately.

As Mr. Gross explained to both the trial court and Cuba's Supreme Court, his intention was never to harm the Cuban Government. In fact, Mr. Gross spoke of his affection for the Cuban people and respect for the island's sovereignty. After two years in a Cuban prison, Mr. Gross and his family have paid an enormous personal price. Mr. Gross has lost 100 pounds and suffers from numerous medical conditions. In addition, the Gross family situation is one that warrants compassion. As you know, Mr. Gross's daughter and mother are both fighting cancer, and his wife is struggling to make ends meet. We strongly urge the Cuban Government to immediately release Mr. Gross on humanitarian grounds and allow him to be reunited with his family.

Mr. Gross's continued incarceration is viewed by Members of Congress, regardless of their political views on Cuba, as a major setback in bilateral relations. It is unlikely that any further positive steps can or will be taken as long as Mr. Gross remains in a Cuban jail. We urge your government in the strongest possible terms to immediately and unconditionally release Mr. Gross, so that we can resume a more positive path to the benefit of American and Cuban people alike.

Sincerely,



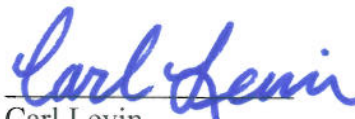
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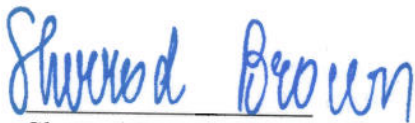
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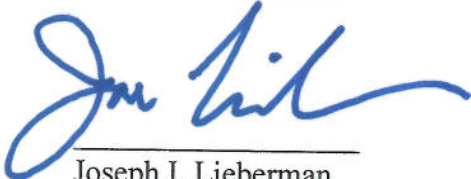
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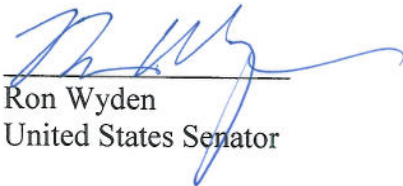
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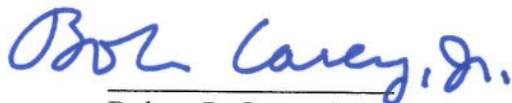
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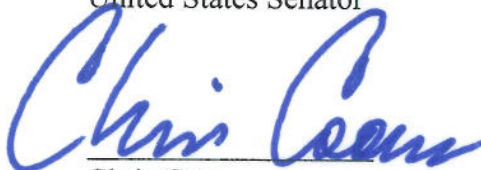
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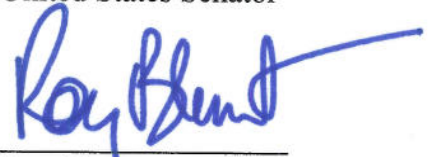
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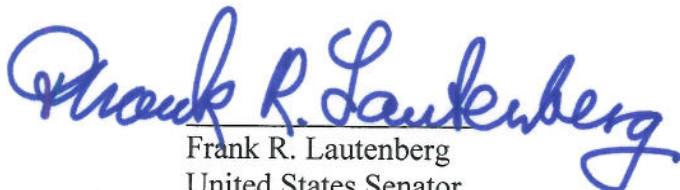
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